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Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

1. (currently amended) A method for automatically printing, ~~without a need for user action~~, a hard copy of transaction information relating to a transaction conducted electronically between a user-side terminal and a supplier-side computer, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) automatically identifying a selected aspect of information regarding the electronic transaction, said automatically identified aspect of information including at least one of a confirmation number, password and invoice information concerning electronic commerce ~~with a selected aspect~~;

(b) automatically generating, without a need for user action specifying, a print request by extracting electronic commerce information corresponding to the automatically identified information of step (a); and

(c) automatically sending said print request to a user-side printing apparatus ~~at said user-side~~; ~~and (d) printing to have the user-side printing apparatus print the transaction information~~ regarding said electronic transaction, without the user specifying the print job in response to said print request.

2. (original) The automatic printing method of claim 1 further comprising the step of: storing said information regarding said electronic transaction in a storage medium.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

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notifying a control apparatus of communication between the user-side and the supplier-side;

monitoring the communication;

automatically recognizing by said control apparatus, without reliance on user action, the information including said at least one of a confirmation number, password and invoice information concerning electronic commerce; and

generating a print request in response to recognizing the information including said at least one of a confirmation number, password and invoice information concerning electronic commerce.

4. (original) The method for automatically printing of claim 3 further comprising the step of:

storing said information regarding said electronic transaction in a storage medium.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) occurs at the user-side.

6. (currently amended) A method for automatically printing, ~~without a need for user action~~, a hard copy of transaction information relating to a transaction conducted electronically between a user-side terminal and a supplier side computer, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) automatically identifying a selected aspect of information regarding the electronic transaction, said automatically identified aspect of information including at least one of a confirmation number, password and invoice information concerning electronic commerce ~~with a selected aspect~~;

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(b) automatically generating a print request by extracting electronic commerce information corresponding to the automatically identified information of step (a); and

(c) automatically sending said print request to a user-side printing apparatus ~~at said user side~~ via a local area network ; ~~and (d) printing to have the user-side printing apparatus print the transaction~~ information regarding said electronic transaction, without the user specifying the print job in response to said print request.

7. (original) The automatic printing method of claim 5 further comprising the step of: storing said information regarding said electronic transaction in a storage medium.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 5 further comprising the steps of: notifying a control apparatus of communication between the user-side and the supplier-side;

monitoring the communication;

automatically recognizing, without reliance on user action, the information including said at least one of a confirmation number, password and invoice information concerning electronic commerce; and

generating a print request in response to recognizing the information including said at least one of a confirmation number, password and invoice information concerning electronic commerce.

9. (original) The automatic printing method of claim 7 further comprising the step of: storing said information regarding said electronic transaction in a storage medium.

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10. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein step (a) occurs at the user-side.

Claims 11-23 (canceled).

24. (previously presented) The automatic printing method of claim 1, wherein said electronic transaction is conducted between said user-side and said supplier-side through said electronic communication of information between a terminal at said user-side and a supplier-side system.